

Minutes of September 5, 2007 HIS PTA Meeting

I. Call to Order

Sarah Rice called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. Vacancies –

Positions on the Board of Trustees

Nicki Biwaki and Miyuki Kahler are both currently members of the Board of Trustees and have a 2 year term. They would both like to be voted back for another 2 year term.

This was agreed. As of now there are 4 positions available on the Board for PTA members. That may be expanded to 7 PTA members.

Pierternel Kroes volunteered to join the Board of Trustees and she was voted in for a 2 year term.

Sarah Rice asked for any volunteers for the following PTA positions:

Vice President-

Pieterneel Kroes volunteered. Sarah asked for a motion to vote her in. She was voted in.

Secretary –

Amy Ducklow volunteered. Sarah asked for a motion to vote her in. She was voted in.

Tracey Houston has agreed to continue on as treasurer this year.

Members at Large –

Sarah asked for volunteers for the 3 positions for Members at Large. Yukio Kotani and Carol Darwick volunteered. Sarah requested a motion to vote them in.

They were voted in. There is still one more position to be filled.

Sarah stated the Executive Board will meet once a month.

All of the above members are expected to attend.

Sarah thanked all those who have volunteered their time for these positions.

III. Old Business

Tracey Houston updated everyone on the budget. The balance of last year's budget is 1,799,652 Y PTA wanted 2,185,636.

A donation of 422,867 Y was made to the school and a printing press was purchased.

500,000 Y was allocated at the May 2007 general meeting to be given to the Principal this year.

IV. New Business

Library helpers are needed. There was a sign up sheet for those who would like to volunteer their time.

Sports Day will be on October 8. Grades E1 – 5 will have their sports day activities on HIS Koyo campus. Grades 6 through 12 will have their sports day on a different day and their activities will be in the stadium where it was held in April 2007.

Fund Raisers

Ideas were shared regarding fund raisers.

PTA could sell drinks on Sports Day.

Halloween Trick or Treating – It's usually on the Saturday before Halloween. Sarah asked for a chair person. No one spoke up. Sarah stated she would leave a sign up sheet. Last year PTA gave out a bag to each student with a couple of pieces of candy in them. They also handed out maps of the designated apartments that participated in handing out candy. PTA charged 1000 Y per child. That fee was waived if the family donated candy. Information will go to the Hiroshima International Women's club.

Bonfire Night was discussed. Last year Nigel Barker organized that event. This event will be discussed with Principal Mac Kenzie to see if it gets his approval.

COSTCO order – Mari Morris has agreed to chair this event. There will not be a fall order due to FBC order planned for this fall.

FBC order - Nicki Biwaki is the chair for this event. Catalogues will be going home with the students. They will be placing orders the week of September 23 -29. Five percent of the profits goes directly to the PTA.

Scholastic Book Order - Laurie Peace has volunteered to chair that this year.

International Festival - We discussed possibly having it during April or May.

Quiz Night - We could offer a light supper and charge a nominal fee.

Dances - Dances for students grade 6 through 12. We could have themes such as disco or a decade theme.

There was a question as to how many students are in those grades.

Sarah also inquired if people would come on the weekend for any event. It was suggested that dances might be in November and February.

Golfing event was discussed. Pierternel said she would look into it.

Family fun night. – Bingo was mentioned

Cinema Evening - Have a popcorn/ pajama night. There was a question as to the logistics of how and where the movie would be shown. There was a question regarding how often this evening would be offered. Carole Darwick suggested once a month.

V. Other Business

Festive Eve in December. It was mentioned that we might want to a casual dinner before hand. We could offer hotdogs, baked items and drinks.

We may even have a bake sale during this event.

Mari Morris inquired about having a Valentines party . Sarah stated that parties have been done in the past. There needs to be a chair person and interest.

VI.

Next general meeting with be in January 2008. The executive board meeting with be held on Monday September 17 at 11:30 at Marios near the Hondori.

VII.

Sarah closed the meeting at 3:10 pm.